

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

June 10, 2010

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on June 3, 2010 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Valentine
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending June 9, 2010 in the amount of \$ 302,520.48 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of June 3 – June 9, 2010
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from April 26 – June 8, 2010

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 1,456,734.37 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Valentine
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

Bonnie Miller 65 Cumberland Avenue is a pedestrian in the city and feels we need more crosswalk education both for drivers and the pedestrians. Hoping maybe a police presence at some of the crosswalks and maybe issuing tickets. Really feels something needs to be done and we need to take better care of our pedestrians.

Councilor Kelly agrees and he has worked hard in his ward to do what we can to make crosswalks more visible. One of the worst is Cornelia Street and Draper Avenue. He thinks it comes down to education and we need to do more about it.

7. OTHER ITEMS:

Motion to remove item 7A from the Table.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

A. RESOLUTION: Upper Bridge Street Market Stalls

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council adopts the policy and approves the procedure set forth in a document entitled "Upper Bridge Street Market Stalls License Agreement" bearing a revision date of 6/7/2010; and further resolves:

1. Pursuant to City Code 199-1 insurance is not required for the use of such space.
2. Pursuant to City Code §212A such space is an "established place of business", therefore, a hawker, peddler or street vendor license is not required for the use of such space.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Discussion:

Councilor Rabideau still has the same reservations that he expressed last week.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson voted in the affirmative and Councilor Rabideau voted in the negative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise the previously adopted capital project H5110.31 needed for the acquisition of public service equipment and keeping within the amount planned for total equipment purchases in the 2010 capital expenditure plan.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Discussion:

Councilor Valentine read and submitted a letter from Linda Lafave of Champlain Valley Family Center supporting purchase of Barber Surf Rake for the City Beach.

Councilor Carpenter asked **Steve Peters Recreation Superintendent** if the tines were closer together than the width of a cigarette. He said yes.

Councilor Jackson had a conversation with a former NY State Park Manager during the break and he had seen one of those and said it is an absolutely wonderful machine; it cleans up cigarette butts, half cigarette butts the whole nine yards. He thinks anything we can do to make that beach more attractive to people and increase the usage of it is a good thing.

Mayor Kasprzak said he wished that Manager had purchased one instead of us, of course, if he was his regional manager he wouldn't have received one.

Councilor Calnon said one other thing he learned from the former NY State Park Manager during the break was that we really need to revisit our policy on what happens to items of value that are found. We should have an appropriate policy for that.

Councilor Rabideau wanted to make note that the department head dropped a vehicle in order for this purchase to be made. It is a change not an addition.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Economic Development Revolving Loan program Microenterprise grant program guidelines.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion:

Councilor Jackson wanted to thank **Corporation Counsel John Clute** for developing the guidelines. This is definitely a worthwhile program and quite an extensive document so thank you.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from the Plattsburgh YMCA to conduct their annual “Tour de Rand Hill” bike race on July 17th.
2. Request from the Community Development Office for a Change Order to Project Main St. Apartments and Façade 4 at 32 Oak Street (David Boise dba Villari’s of Plattsburgh Inc) in the total amount of \$2,800.00.
3. Request from Plattsburgh Rotary Clubs to have entrance signs that announce to visiting business people where they meet welcoming both tourists and those coming to town for business purposes to join their meetings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Councilor Calnon read the letter from Rotary during the break and wants to be clear they are asking us for two things. One is permission to put the signs up, which barring any code issues and we will ask our building inspector if there are any, he would clearly support. But they are also asking us he believes for the posts to mount the signs on and there may be some design questions there and we have a chance to talk to **Rick Perry, Building Inspector**.

Mayor Kasprzak said Beth will send him an email.

4. Request from Barbara MacDonald to hold the 8th Annual Mayor’s Cup Mountain to Lake Bike ride on Sunday, July 11, 2010. They are planning on starting from and returning to the hospital grounds via Prospect Avenue.
5. Request from City Engineer to award Accent Stripe Inc contract #2010-09 for “Painted Pavement Markings” at a total price of \$87,850.
6. Recommendation from City Engineer to permit the apparent low bidder Integrated and Contracting, Inc to withdraw their bid for Contract #2009-14, “Police Department Roof Replacement” and award contract to the low bidder Luck Brothers, Inc for the lump sump bid price of \$166,108.
7. Request from Bill Treacy Manager MLD that the Mayor be authorized to sign a letter renewing the purchase of 64 TCCS from New York Independent System Operator (NYISO)

for the amount of \$332,458. The purpose of these TCC's is to provide a financial hedge against transmission congestion charges impacting the New York State grid.

Mayor Kasprzak added and our rate payers.

Councilor Jackson asked **Bill Treacy, Manager MLD** he went to the NYPA meeting and the transmission congestion hedges we bought last year were of value to us and we did get our money's worth and what it possibly could have saved us. **Bill Treacy** said yes and there was over a half a million dollars worth of charges in December and January we did not see because of that and since then there have been other charges every month we didn't see. Also, we were advised that the 2 main lines going from west to east will be out again for at least 4 weeks in the 4th quarter of this year and NYISO will lose 52% of its transferring capabilities which means transmission congestion charges. **Councilor Jackson** wanted to ask because **Bill Treacy** won't be here next week and that also means that they will postpone the MLD Board meeting scheduled for next week until the week after.

Councilor Carpenter said he was glad he asked because he was going to get in touch with **Bill Treacy** this week.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Valentine is receiving a lot of complaints about traffic coming off Route 374 on to North Catherine Street up to Riley Avenue driving too fast and asked **Kevin Farrington City Engineer** if a stop sign could be placed there he indicated it would not be warranted there. She asked what other strategies we have. **Kevin Farrington City Engineer** replied enforcement and **Councilor Valentine** stated we have asked the police to spend some additional time down there he said that it does take time to build a reputation for people to have in their mind "when I enter the City of Plattsburgh, I know I better not speed." He feels that we need to create that attitude thru enforcement. He would suggest we may be able to create that attitude thru enforcement. Beyond that maybe we could do some traffic calming measures without doing major projects to the road but it could get pricey. We could also check to see because sometimes there is a perceived speeding where you take some measurements and find out the prevailing speed is 28 and they actually aren't speeding. **Councilor Valentine** said she would call the Police Dept and **Councilor Jackson** suggested they put one of the devices that measures and displays the speed the driver is going, etc. **Kevin Farrington City Engineer** said that one of the things they are looking at too with the "safe route to school grant" if it ever comes thru from the state is a permanent version of those driver feed back signs and those have shown to be effective. **Councilor Valentine** said she has seen those in other communities and that would be great and we are going in to 2 school districts entering towards both Bailey and Oak. **Kevin Farrington City Engineer** said yes that would be a good location for one of those in the sense that you aren't quite in the school zone yet but you are going from a 55 mph to a 30 mph. **Councilor Valentine** asked how we go about getting those. He stated we have to buy them and they aren't cheap and they have to coordinate thru the "safe route to school grant" we have to bring electric to it so **Bill Treacy Manager MLD** gets involved sometimes its easier sometimes its a little more difficult we can always do it for a price it just a matter of how much it is going to cost to get it there. **Councilor Valentine** asked if the cost would be covered by the grant. He stated that grant is particular to school zones. He could work up a price if we wanted to put one there and work with **Bill**

Treacy Manager MLD and let you know what it is going to cost. **Councilor Valentine** asked if he could do that, its just always been a problem the people coming off 374 and she can ask the Police Dept to up their surveillance and also she will not be here next Thursday.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:51 pm